

December 31, 1948.

Mr. Dennis Flanagan,
Managing Editor,
The Scientific American,
24 West 40 Street,
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Flanagan,

Thank you for your letter of the 27th.

I will be glad to prepare an article for your magazine, and expect to entitle it "The Hybridization of Bacteria". Although I will make every effort to have a draft ready for you by April 1, 1949, I may be obliged to ask for more time owing to other writing commitments.

In the meantime, it would be very helpful if I could have reprints or copies of the magazines containing the recent articles by Dr. Beadle and Dr. Delbrück, as they cover closely adjacent fields. Can you tell me, also, approximately how much time would elapse between the submission of the manuscript and the publication of the article?

The illustrative material which has been printed with some of the articles is particularly impressive. How have you handled this problem?

With best wishes,

Yours,

Joshua Lederberg,
Assistant Professor of Genetics.